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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

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1. (four times amended) A one piece collection container assembly comprising: an elongate tubular housing having opposed first and second ends; and

a solid partition positioned within said housing between said first and second ends;

said housing defining a volume for specimen collection therein between said first end and said partition;

said second end comprising a bottom end below said partition, said bottom end comprising a rounded bottom having an opening therein.